

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor our military forces who have fought valiantly to strengthen our counterterrorism strategy. My top priority as chairwoman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities is to provide all the necessary resources to our military in order to protect our country from terrorist threats.

I would like to especially recognize our U.S. Special Operations Forces, who have been an integral part of our counterterrorism strategy. The U.S. Special Operation Forces have been successful in developing valuable relationships with the governments in Pakistan and Afghanistan, ultimately leading to the capture of hundreds of al Qaeda fighters and affiliates.

However, terrorism is not limited to Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently, our forces are also in regions such as Yemen to root out terrorists and send a loud message to those who seek to do us harm that we will not let them operate freely like that.

Congress must be proactive about addressing all terrorist threats to our country through intelligence, diplomacy and with our Armed Forces.